Affairs has been regularly urging the State Governments to strengthen the State Police by filling up existing vacancies and enhancing their strength to improve the police-population ratio in the States. Assistance is also being provided to them under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces for upgradation and modernisation of the State Police Forces with reference to equipments, weaponry, infrastructure, training, etc. Raising of India Reserve Battalions has also been liberally sanctioned, particularly in the case of States affected by naxalite activities.

Terrorist camps near Hubli

*103. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist camps have been unearthed in the forests near Hubli and the Karnataka Police has arrested three terrorists;

(b) whether Government has identified terrorist organization suppoting this terrorist group; and

(c) the plan of action of Government to control the spread of terrorist organizations throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) According to information provided by the Government of Karnataka, no terrorist camps have been unearthed in the forests near Hubli in Karnataka. Inquiries and investigations made after the arrest of two persons for suspected two-wheeler theft revealed their plans to cause serial blasts and other offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and have led to the arrest of five more persons. The investigations are continuing.

(c) The action taken by the Government to counter terrorism and check the activities of terrorist groups include intensive patrolling and surveillance on the borders including border fencing/floodlighting, and strengthening coastal security arrangements, to check infiltration; deployment of Central Forces to aid the State Police Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence; heightened vigil and security arrangements in and around vital installations; strengthening of arrangements and mechanism for intelligence gathering particularly at the cutting edge level; regular sharing of intelligence with the State Government and among the agencies; assistance for raising of India Reserve Battalions in the States; upgradation and modernization of equipments and weapons, etc. of the Central Para-Military forces; and action at the international level, through bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation in the sphere of counter terrorism.

Special law to curb boot-legging and property grabbing

*104. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government is considering to promulgate a special law to curb the unlawful activities of boot-leggers and property grabbers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): No, Sir. At present, the Union Government does not have any proposal to promulgate a special law relating to boot-legging and property grabbing.